

# Rock Creek Park

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## July 2016

### Schedule of Events

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In July we introduce our new Thursday afternoon offering for some of our youngest visitors, "Nature's Classroom: STEM Time for Toddlers." We will have a different program each week and is designed to introduce your toddler to Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math concepts. We also commemorate the Battle of Fort Stevens on July 9th with an assortment of activities. Interested in space? Our special planetarium show for the month is "Fire and Ice: Strange Moons of the Solar System." Join us for any or all of our free programs this month!

### Daily

- **Perspectives of the Old Stone House** 2:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday at the Old Stone House The Old Stone House has a long and diverse history. Rangers will present insights on middle- class life in Georgetown, the evolution of a neighborhood, and the changing uses of an urban garden. All ages.

### Weekly Programs

#### Wednesdays

- **Young Planetarium** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Children are invited to explore the night sky and listen to star stories. **Ages 4 and older.**

#### Thursday

- **Nature's Classroom: STEM Time for Toddlers** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center join us for Toddler Time where we will share Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities designed for those 1- 4 years old. It could be a sensory hike, an animal feature, counting or sorting activities. Activity changes weekly . **Ages 1- 4**

#### Fridays

- **Creature Feature** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Children of all ages are invited to learn about Rock Creek Park's wild critters during this interactive program featuring live turtles and snakes. All ages.

#### Saturdays

- **Summer Night Sky** 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Discover tonight's brightest stars, planets, and constellations and learn their stories in the Rock Creek Park planetarium. **Ages 5 and older.**
- **Exploring the Universe** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Explore the solar system, Milky Way, and deep space objects in this high- tech planetarium program. **Ages 7 and older.**

#### Sundays

- **Summer Night Sky** 1:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Discover tonight's brightest stars, planets, and constellations and learn their stories in the Rock Creek Park planetarium. **Ages 5 and older.**
- **Fire and Ice: Strange Moons of the Solar System** 4:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Did you know that planet Earth is not the only place in the universe that harbors active volcanoes and saltwater oceans? **Ages seven and older.**

## Saturday, July 2

- **Civil War Roundtable 9:30 a.m. at the Nature Center** Join us for a lively discussion of select Civil War topics led by a guest speaker. For details please see our schedule of events at [www.nps.gov/rocr](http://www.nps.gov/rocr). Ages 10 and older.
- **Centennial Hike 11:00 a.m. at the Nature Center** The National Park Service preserves historic homes, battlefields, and natural wonders. Did you know that all that can be found right here in the Rock Creek Park. Join us for a two- mile hike as we celebrate 100 years of the National Park Service. When hiking remember to wear sturdy shoes, use sun protection, and bring water. **All ages.**

## Sunday, July 3

- **Planetarium Movie: Zula Patrol Down to Earth 10:00 a.m. at the Nature Center** Hey kids, join us for Zula Patrol as they chase Madam Deliria back through geologic times in an attempt to rid the universe of litter. Ages 4 and up.
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## Saturday, July 9

- **Run of the Mill 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill** See the 2,000 pound millstones convert corn to cornmeal using good old fashioned renewable energy of water. Miller Jeanne and the Friends of Peirce Mill invite you to discover Washington D.C.'s only surviving gristmill in action. Be sure to explore the exhibits at Peirce Barn next door as well. **All Ages.**
- **Mill Works 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Peirce Mill** Hey Kids! Have we got something for you! Join us for fun and games at the mill. There will be toys to play with and crafts to make. Rain or shine we will be there, ready to have some fun. Be sure to pick up a Junior Ranger book and earn your Rock Creek Park Badge. **All ages.**
- **Exploring the Sky 9:00 p.m. at Military Field (Picnic Grove 13 Parking Lot; on Glover Road near Military Road NW)** Explore the night sky through the lens of a telescope. The National Capital Astronomers Association and Rock Creek Park invite you to a friendly hour of stargazing. Cloud cover or rain cancels the event. **All ages.**

## Special Event

### Saturday, July 9 152nd Anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stevens

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Fort Stevens Fort Stevens is the site of the only Civil War battle to be fought in the nation's capital. On July 11 and 12, 1864 guns boomed in the northern suburbs of Washington D.C. as Confederate troops probed Union defenses. The defenses around the city held and the Confederates retreated to the south. Join us as we commemorate the event with activities throughout the day. **All ages.**

- **Living history demonstrations;**
- **Historic talks by noted authors**
- **Live period music;**
- **19th century children's games and crafts.**



### Sunday, July 10

- **Planetarium Movie: Oasis in Space** 10:00 a.m. at the Nature Center Join us for a Oasis in Space and take an exploration of our solar system. **All ages**
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- **Georgetown Waterfront Walk** 2:00 p.m. at the Georgetown Waterfront Park Stroll the Georgetown Waterfront Park with us and learn how Georgetown went from an active port town to a vibrant community. Meet at the Georgetown Waterfront Park fountain at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and K Street. When hiking remember to wear sturdy shoes, use sun protection, and bring water. **Age 7 and older**
- **Poetry in the Park: The Joaquin Miller Poetry Series** 3:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Join The Word Works in the Rock Creek Nature Center Auditorium and listen to original poetry each Sunday afternoon in June and July. **Ages 14 and older.**

### Saturday, July 16

- **Buds** 9:30 a.m. at the Nature Center Join our friends from Casey Trees for tree- focused story time interspersed with songs and a craft project. Each family will leave with a list of seasonally appropriate “scavenger hunt items” to track down while exploring the trails on their own after the program. **Ages 18 months to 4 years.** Please register at <http://caseytrees.org/events/upcoming/> (registration preferred, but not required)
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- **Fort DeRussey Hike** 2:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Come out for a short one mile hike to Fort DeRussy and explore the Civil War in the nation’s capital. **All ages.**

### Sunday, July 17

- **Planetarium Movie: Zula Patrol Down to Earth** 10:00 a.m. at the Nature Center Hey kids, join us for Zula Patrol as they chase Madam Deliria back through geologic times in an attempt to rid the universe of litter. **Ages 4 and up.**
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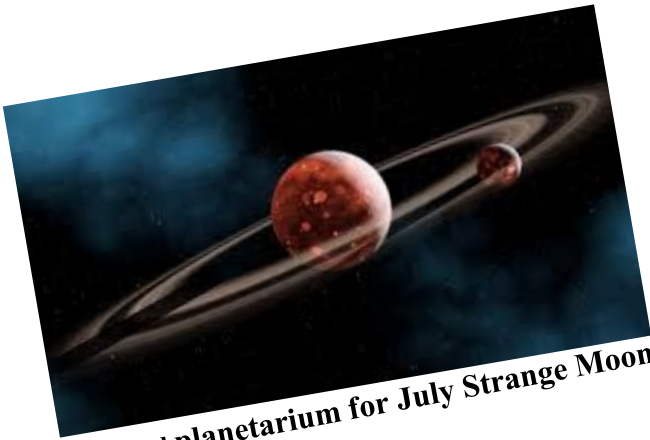
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- **DeRussey Hike** 2:00 p.m. at the Nature Center Come out for a short one mile hike to Fort DeRussy and explore the Civil War in the nation's capital. **All ages.**

### Sunday, July 31

- **Planetarium Movie: Zula Patrol Down to Earth** 10:00 a.m. at the Nature Center Hey kids, join us for Zula Patrol as they chase Madam Deliria back through geologic times in an attempt to rid the universe of litter. **Ages 4 and up.**
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# What's Happening this month



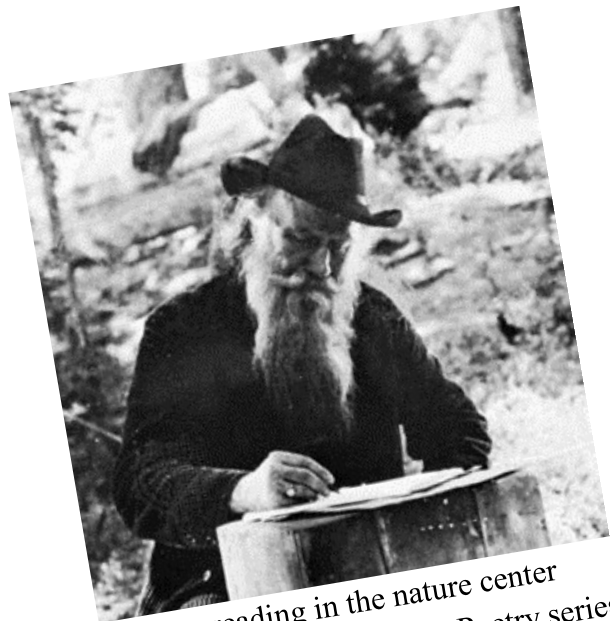
Our special planetarium for July Strange Moons



Junior Ranger Camps begin



Celebrate the 100th birthday of the National Park Service by joining one of our Centennial Hikes



Poetry reading in the nature center during the Joaquin Miller Poetry series.

## Rock Creek Park Visitor Center Locations and Hours

**Nature Center & Planetarium** = 5200 Glover Road, NW. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Hiking trail maps and park information, plant and animal exhibits, and bookstore.

**Old Stone House** = 3051 M Street, NW. Open daily, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Early American home, self guided tours, and bookstore.

**Peirce Mill** = 2401 Tilden Street, NW. Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Peirce Mill is an 1820s grist mill — the last remaining on Rock Creek.

## Other Park Locations

**Georgetown Waterfront Park** = Programs meet at the fountain at the intersection of "K" Steer and Wisconsin

**Meridian Hill Park** = Is bordered by 15th and 16th streets NW to the east and west, and Euclid and 'W' streets NW to the north and south. Programs meet at the Joan of Arc statue.

**Montrose Park** = is in Georgetown with the main access through Lover's Lane. Programs meet at the top of Lover's lane on "R" Street between Avon and 31st streets NW.



## 2016 Junior Ranger

**Experience the sights and sounds of Rock Creek Park with a ranger**

- Discover the park's biggest trees on a nature hike
- View the night sky during the day in our planetarium
  - Discover a Civil War fortress
  - Meet the nature center's live animals
- Play games, do hands on activities and more

### **Come prepared—equipping your camper**

- Bring a backpack to carry all your stuff
- Water or a sports drink to stay hydrated
- Snacks and a bag lunch to stay energized
- Hiking boots or tennis shoes for healthy feet (no sandals or flip-flops)
- Sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses are highly recommended because it's sunny in D.C.

**Registration for July camps starts June 15**  
**Registration for August camps starts July 15**



**Astronomy Camps:** Astronomy Camp will further camper's understanding of and appreciation for astronomy and the night sky. Activities will include hands-on activities, planetarium programs, completing a special Dark Sky Junior Ranger booklet, stargazing session, and more.

July 9                      Ages 9-11

August 6                      Ages 7-8

**Two Day Junior Ranger Camps:** The Junior Ranger Camp serves as a general introduction for children to the natural and cultural resources of Rock Creek Park. Campers will enjoy a nature hike, an astronomy program in the planetarium, a visit to historic Peirce Mill, arts and crafts, trail games, and more.

July 13-14                      Ages 7-8

July 20-21                      Ages 9-11

**National Park Service Centennial Camps:** Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the creation of the National Park Service, the Centennial Camp will shed light on the achievements of our first 100 years. Campers will explore the park and envision what the next 100 years could bring!

August 10-11                      Ages 7-8

August 24-25                      Ages 9-11

**Georgetown Camps:** Georgetown has a rich a varied history. Campers will experience Georgetown's history by visiting Rock Creek Park's Dumbarton Oaks Park, Montrose Park, Old Stone House and Georgetown Waterfront Park.

July 27                      Ages 7-8

August 17                      Ages 9-11

**For more information or to register, contact the Rock Creek Park Nature Center at (202) 895-6070.**